(d) if so, what were the main points mentioned by the Planning Commission and to what extent they have been incorporated in the strategy to boost exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Farmers sent to jail for non-payment of loans

3413. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of farmers sent to jail for non-payment of loans of nationalised banks; stating the details, datewise;

(b) whether Government propose to write off the loans of farmers throughout the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

(b) and (c) It has been the consistent stand of RBI that generalised waivers of loans are harmful to the credit system. Such action vitiates the recovery discipline and adversely affects the viability of financial institutions as well as their capacity and capability to recycle funds. There is, therefore, no proposal to issue any orders for a general write off of loans.

CBI prosecution against Gram Nirman Mandal, Gaya and AFRD

3414. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. has launched prosecution against Gram Nirman Mandal, Gaya and Avard Foundation for Rural Development (AFRD);

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether all the cases reported by the Kudal Commission for criminal conspiracy and falsification of accounts are being prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. CBI has only registered two cases against these organisation, which are still under investigation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

FERA violation by Shri L. M. Thaper

3415. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri L.M. Thapar has not yet paid the penalty amount for FERA violation;

(b) what was the amount involved in FERA violation against Shri Thapar;

(c) what was the amount agreed to by Shri Thapar as penalty amount and for repayment;

(d) whether Shri Thapar has become the president of ASOCHAM after the FERA violations and Government dignitaries are visiting the functions of ASOCHAM; and

(e) what are the reasons for the delay in prosecuting Shri Thaper for FERA violations?